

WOULD CHANGE BANKING LAWS

Important Measure Affecting State Bankers Advanced To Engrossment.

BOARD MEETING POSTPONED

Many important changes in existing state banking laws are made by the administration bill by the senate banking committee which was advanced to engrossment in the senate committee of the whole late Wednesday afternoon. The bill went through with but one important amendment. As originally drawn it retained the feature of the present law permitting the Oklahoma State Bankers' association to nominate the persons from whom the governor is required to appoint the state bank commissioner and members of the banking board.

An amendment was adopted to the bill which takes this power away from the association with reference to selection of the bank commissioner and leaves the governor free to make his own selections. The feature relative to selection of members of the banking board, however, remains as under existing law.

Another important change in existing law is that state banks are permitted under the bill to invest all of their surplus and to pay out of their capital stock in depositors guarantee warrants.

Another important change in the law is that state banks are permitted to secure deposits in state banks may participate in the disbursement of the assets of a failed bank the same as regular depositors. State banks have refused to give bonds to state banks to secure deposits of public funds and as a result the banks have demanded that some change be made in the law so as to enable the banks to secure the advantage again of such bonds.

Prohibits Use of Name.

The bill also contains a new provision which requires all secured funds including those secured by surety bonds to pay their pro-rata share of the assessments to the depositors' guarantee fund. A new provision of the bill permits the executive council of the Oklahoma State Bankers' association to make an annual levy of fifty cents on each \$1,000 of capital stock and surplus of each bank to pay the expenses of maintaining a secretary and other expenses of the association. A new provision is also added prohibiting any person not authorized to conduct a regular banking business to use the name "banker" or "investment banker."

Senators Barrett and other speakers admitted that the depositors' guarantee fund is in bad condition at present and that the changes in the law are necessary to put it in good shape again.

Numerous attempts were made to amend the bill, but it went through to practically the same form as introduced by the committee.

Whether the bill is passed or not, the new bank commissioner under the present administration will probably be known within the next ten days. The Oklahoma State Bankers' association selected the names of A. D. Kennedy of Okmulgee, W. F. Barber of Lawton and Arch Anderson of Oklahoma City from which the governor might select a bank commissioner. If the bill now pending is passed, with the emergency clause, the governor will be at liberty to make his own selection.

Not Bound By Present Law.

At the time these names were selected there were others, at least receptive candidates for the appointment, known to have had the good will of the governor, and naturally following rules of the political game should come in for consideration for something. Many expressed doubt as to the governor naming any one of the three selected by the bankers and based their doubt on the conflict between the present banking laws and the constitution. The latter which gives the governor authority to appoint a bank commissioner together with other officers. It was contended that even though a provision of the banking laws gives the council authority to name three persons, one of whom is to be named by the governor for the position, the governor was not bound by it as the constitution provided otherwise, and that stood over all.

Governor Williams has not indicated who he will name for the position of bank commissioner, nor has he indicated when the appointment will be made. Action on the appointment must be taken by the senate and as the time is drawing near for the adjournment of the legislature, it is reasonable to

suppose the governor will take some action soon.

A meeting of the banking board had been arranged for this week, but in the absence of one of the members, who will probably not return before the first of next week, the meeting has been postponed.

NEW SHAKESPEARE

Modern Version of Quotations Shows Precepts' Soundness; Polonius Still Influential.

(By William C. Hudson, in the Brooklyn Daily Leader.)

I find in my mail a letter from a correspondent who is given to curious speculations. He has been reading "Hamlet" again and has found in the advice of Polonius to his son Laertes a perfect guide for everyone in his walk through the world. And he adds that if we were to join in it for our moral and spiritual guide the Ten Commandments, closely observing them all, would begin to sprout out on all of us. He is quite certain that wars would pass away, prisons and scoundrels become useless bits of cliche furniture, while judicial benches would be treated with due veneration.

"Polonius' advice," he says, "is a complete guide to life. I believe that, with the exception of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, it has had more influence than anything that has been written. It is over three hundred years since it was written, and in that time each line of it has been detached and changed into the vernacular of the modern world, a proverb of accepted wisdom with a widespread influence."

Shakespeare and the Vernacular.

"Let us see if that is not so. Take these precepts each by itself, and place against it the modern equivalent."

"Give thy thoughts no tongue nor any unproportioned thought its act."

"A still tongue shows a wise head. Count ten before thou speak and a hundred before thou art angry."

"Be thou familiar but by no means vulgar."

"Be a good mixer but keep your head."

"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to your soul with hoops of steel, but do not soil your palms with entertainment of such new-hatched, unfledged comrade."

"Don't take every fellow you meet for a friend and spend your money rather on your family, yourself and the friends you have proved."

"Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but being in, bear it that the opposed may beware of thee."

"Don't look for trouble, but in a scrap see that you get your blow in first."

"Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice."

"Keep your eyes open, your mouth closed and your own opinions."

"Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy, rich, not gaudy; for the apparel oft proclaims the man."

"Make a friend up to the limit, but not over it. The world takes a man at his own estimate."

"Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

"Pack your roll and have no currency to lend; don't borrow—there is always a discount and it eats up the principal."

"To thine own self be true."

"Be honest with yourself and then you will be honest with others."

From Precious to Baser Metal.

"Perhaps," continues the correspondent, "there is transmutation here from the precious to a baser metal. At all events the wisdom and the sense is preserved in this common speech and in that baser form it has influenced millions of people who never read it as Shakespeare wrote it. The great Elizabethan dramatist put all of this great wisdom into stately blank verse, but if the modern dramatist—the dramatist of the present literature-basing stage—were called to express the same wisdom it would be in the form somewhat as above. The Colman, for instance, could probably have made the speech read somewhat like this:

"Now, give me, Lertly boy, come, you'll have to handle. Look to your time table, diddly, you old fel, tell you go to let me impress on the tube of your memory these few suggestions. A still tongue shows a wise head, be a good mixer, but don't take every fellow you meet as your best friend. Spend what you have got to spend on your family, your proved friends and yourself, rather than on the good fellow. Don't look for trouble, but if you are in a scrap see that you get in the first blow. Keep your eyes open, your mouth closed and your own opinions. Make a friend up to the limit if you will, but don't go over it. The world takes a man at his own estimate. Pack your roll and don't have no currency for a borrower, don't borrow, for there is always a discount and it eats up the principal. Be honest with yourself and when you are you will be honest with others. Now bless you and hustle away."

It is a quaint current and is given to the readers for what it is worth, although evidently it was not intended for publication.

INTERN ZEPPELIN CREW; LAND BEFORE EXPLOSION

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Fourteen men of the Zeppelin which was destroyed by an explosion on France Island were rescued and will be interned by the British authorities. A Renter dispatch from Copenhagen. The Zeppelin was crashing over the island with another dirigible when it caught fire and was compelled to descend, landing before the explosion took place.

The destroyed Zeppelin was the L-3, one of the largest in commission. She was completed in 1914 and was 550 feet long and had a diameter of 61 feet. She was supplied with four motors, with a total horsepower of 1,720, and had a speed of 40 knots. Commander Prinz says the situation when the fire broke out was critical. He feared the bombs on board the airship would explode before he could get to the ground.

GOSS PERSONAL PROPERTY IS MORE THAN \$800,000

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Frederick L. Goss, inventor of the Goss printing press, who died November 10, 1914, left a personal property estate valued at more than \$800,000, according to an inventory filed yesterday in probate court.



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His Easy Ways

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Mrs. Gracy ran through the back yard and across the alley to the rear door of her husband's grocery and meat shop. She had just decided that boiled beef with carrots and cabbage was something that she wanted for dinner. And Ed had said the night before that he would have a fresh shipment that morning. She hurried in between the high heaps of empty boxes, a fairly pleasant expression on her face. It was a radiant morning and the sunshine affected her, even in the brief time she was outdoors.

Before she emerged from the shadows of the boxes the fairly pleasant expression faded and a distinctly unpleasant look took its place, and at the same time, when he happened to look over his shoulder and catch sight of her his cheerful smile faded, and he looked apprehensive. Ed, the clerk, pretended to be busy in front.

He had been saying, "Sure, I'll trust you, Mrs. Ganton," wrapping up a piece of mutton at the time. "Oh, pay men when you can. I'd be a poor world if we couldn't help each other out once in a while." Then he saw his wife and the look of apprehension came.

Mrs. Ganton went out. Mrs. Gracy advanced, noting that Mrs. Ganton also had some grocery packages in her basket.

"George," Mrs. Gracy explained, angrily.

"Now, Ellen, it is the first time she has asked me for three months. And Ganton's been out of work."

"He doesn't want to work."

"Well, it's just as hard on her, either way. And she wanted only a little piece."

"She's owed you for eight years!"

"Well, I hate to refuse folks," she pouted.

Ellen Gracy's lips parted for an angry speech, but an influx of customers silenced her. With an air of relief her husband turned briskly to the first woman. Wealthily, but silently his wife picked up a piece of boiling beef and went back to the house. There, while she pared potatoes and scraped carrots for the soup, her anger swelled. George did not come home for lunch that day. Often when busy he bolted a wedge of ham or a wienerward and let his appetite wait.

When supper was over and the dishes put away George plaintively suggested a nickel show. "It takes the kinks out of your brain," he remarked with somewhat forced jocularity.

"No," Ellen said coldly. "I want to rip up by the collar and see if I can have it dyed and made over."

George frowned. "Why fuss with an old dress? You can buy a new one."

Ellen shrugged her shoulders. "I don't think I better take the money," she answered grimly.

George sat a few minutes in silence. His full, good natured face was troubled. Then he went alone to the moving picture theatre. Ellen's temper was not soothed by that, and she sawed with quick, jerky movements that indicated wrath. For a long time she had been growing ashamed of George—ashamed at his big, stolid face, of his loose coats, of his easy going, unbusinesslike ways. And she was the more ashamed because of the tolerant smile which people assumed when they spoke of him or about him. She had noticed it many times. George was not classed as one of the shrewd business men of the town. People liked him—oh, she scornfully admitted that. But they liked him as one does a big, good natured house dog.

And as a result of her wrath and a shame which at last had grown too big to be kept untried she deliberately went the next day to a clothing lawyer and put the amount owed by the Gantons into his hands. The lawyer eyed her oddly. "Does George wish me to be severe?" he asked.

"Yes," snapped George's wife. The lawyer looked thoughtful. Ellen was offended. He seemed averse to taking the case. Yet he made most of his income from such work.

At supper—which was beef loaf and tomato sauce, made from the boiled mutton left the day before; Ellen was economical—she started to tell George. She had made up her mind that if he was angry—that would be the end. She would tell him every bitter, angry thought concerning him

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NEW BRITISH HOWITZER'S ANTHEM of Death Can Be Heard Miles

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The British army in France is now using heavy howitzers, which, according to a report from the official "eye-witness" with the expeditionary force, have gained ascendancy over the heavy German guns. These howitzers, he states, were used in successful attacks on the German positions in the brick fields south of La Bassée canal a week ago last night.

"Our heavy howitzers took part in this bombardment, their fire being directed on the railway triangle," the "eye-witness" says. "The boom of these pieces and the detonations of their shells were audible twenty miles away above the roar of the other artillery, while those close at hand the shrieking of the great projectiles through the air was most impressive, as were the volumes of smoke and debris thrown up. The effect of the lyddite shells was truly terrific, one house being blown into the air and as they burst among the brick stacks they created great havoc among the enemy."

"The assault was launched against a strong position or keep among the stacks of bricks held by the Germans. Our storming columns dashed on the work from three sides at once and captured it with very little loss, for, as prisoners afterward stated, the job of the bursting shells was so great and the clouds of dust which the defenders were surrounded were so thick that they did not observe our men advancing until it was too late. At the same time trenches to the north of this point, between it and the canal, were stormed by another party. By seizing these points we were enabled to occupy a continuous line southward from our forward posts on the canal, which formed an advantageous position in front of the brick fields."

"We captured nineteen wounded prisoners in addition to many wounded, a trench mortar and machine guns. The Germans left seventy dead on the ground, while our casualties were insignificant."

Strategem Loses Novelty.

"The Germans, however, showed no inclination to accept this reverse, for in the early hours of February 7 a body of them advanced along the canal bank, shouting, 'Don't shoot, we are engineers.' This form of strategem, unfortunately for the enemy, has now lost its novelty. Our men held their fire until the supposed engineers were only a few yards away, and then opened with a machine gun, with the result that the 'engineers' fell back, leaving thirty dead bodies in front of our line. In the afternoon another attack was attempted, but it melted away under artillery fire and did not arrive at close quarters."

"A great feature of the recent fighting has been the accuracy of our artillery fire. On one occasion our guns accomplished the feat of blowing the Germans out of trenches they were occupying on an embankment, although it was only forty yards from that which we were holding."

"On February 6 most of the enemy's casualties were due to our shell fire. The whole of the area both behind and immediately in front of the trenches we now hold were found to be littered with the bodies of hundreds of Germans killed in the various fights since January 25. Our artillery fire here has obtained such ascendancy that after the assault on that day our troops actually were able to put barbed wire entanglements in front of their trenches in broad daylight without being fired at by the enemy's infantry. Prisoners captured here were despondent and much shaken."

New German Incendiary Shell.

"The Germans rely very much on an incendiary shell for damaging towns, and in their recent bombardment of Arras they made use of projectiles of this type packed with candles composed of celluloid, phosphorus and wax, which material is so inflammable that it will ignite if placed in the sun."

"The 'eye-witness' says some of the prisoners captured recently have been of comparatively poor physical development, and tells of finding in the pocket of a dead German two medical certificates stating that he was suffering from consumption. The certificates were accompanied by an application from the soldier's father asking that the son be relieved from the necessity of going into active service. The official observer also quotes letters, which he says, were received by soldiers from home, and which were found on bodies, complaining of the increase in the cost of living and the scarcity of bread, and stating that even schoolboys were being called into military service."

Reverting to the German attack on Guinchy on January 25, the "eye-witness" says the Germans passed on in columns, being mowed down, but yet in places reaching the British trenches and in others penetrating beyond them.

"But even when our line was broken," he continues, "portions of it continued to resist, and our infantry holding them, when assaulted from the rear, remained steady, faced about and met the enemy with rifle and bayonet."

"Some of those in the village, who had been engaged in clearing the enemy out of the houses, had got some what scattered, until of one party only fifteen remained together when they saw that some of the enemy were established in one of our fire trenches just outside Theyat once charged down the communication trench, led by their officer, and killed or captured all the Germans, forty in number."

The "eye-witness" tells of a German soldier who, noting a British officer who was partly buried in a trench, stopped to dig him out and give him brandy despite the fact that he was under fire. This German afterward was killed by a stray bullet.

TWENTY THOUSAND BUSHELS OF RED CORN TO BELGIANS

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Twenty thousand bushels of red corn will be purchased for immediate shipment to the Belgian destitute by the Chicago Belgian Relief society. It was announced today. The corn will cost \$18,000.

RAILROAD TIMETABLE

SANTA FE—NORTHBOND. Depart. For Kansas City, Colorado and California 7:10 am. For Kansas City and Chicago, Exp. 8:31 am. For Kansas City and Chicago, 12:12 pm. For Kansas City, Chicago, Colorado and California 7:30 pm. For Guthrie, Elmd, Klnwa, Woodward, Amarillo and West 8:30 pm.

SANTA FE—SOUTHBOND. Depart. Texas Express 12:01 am. Texas Express 1:30 am. Texas Express 12:12 pm. For Parrell 10:10 pm. Arrive. From Amarillo, Woodward, Alva, Klnwa, Elmd and Guthrie, 12:10 am.

FRISCO LINES—INBOUND. Governor from Muskogee and 4:45 am. Meteor from St. Louis 11:21 am. Meteor from Kansas City 11:21 am. Meteor from Lawrence 10:10 am. Eastern Express, from Lawton 10:10 am. Limited from St. Louis 12:10 pm. Limited from Kansas City 12:10 pm.

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ROCK ISLAND—WESTBOUND. For Memphis 12:10 am. For Little Rock and Memphis 12:30 am. For Memphis and Little Rock 12:30 am. For Memphis and Little Rock 12:30 am.

ROCK ISLAND—EASTBOUND. For El Paso 9:30 am. For El Paso and Kansas City 9:30 am. For El Paso and Kansas City 9:30 am.

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS RY. Depart. For Shawnee and Texas 8:30 am. For St. Louis, Kan. City and Joplin 10:01 pm. For Shawnee and Texas 7:00 pm. For St. Louis, Kan. City and Joplin 11:40 pm.

OKLAHOMA CITY—EL PASO LINE. Cars leave Terminal station, Oklahoma City 5:30 a. m. and every hour until 8:30 p. m. Cars leave El Paso 6:00 a. m. and every hour until 10:10 p. m. Cars leave Oklahoma City 6:00 a. m. and every hour until 11:00 p. m. Service begins one hour later on Sundays and legal holidays.

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